

# **SURREY COUNTY SHORT MAT BOWLING ASSOCIATION**

## **DISCIPLINARY AND APPEALS PROCEDURE**

- a) The Surrey County Short Mat Bowling Association (hereafter referred to as the SCSMBA) Disciplinary and Appeals Committee shall be empowered to adjudicate on any dispute with regard to the Association Constitution, the playing Rules of the Association and appeals concerning Constitutions and Rules having been subject to hearing and subsequently referred to the County from affiliated Clubs. The SCSMBA Disciplinary and Appeals Committee shall also be empowered to adjudicate on any dispute arising from subordinate Leagues, their Constitutions and Rules.
- b) Any Registered Player expelled, suspended or otherwise penalised by an Affiliated Club, having appealed unsuccessfully against such sanction or penalty to the Club, who is dissatisfied with the outcome thereof, may lodge a further appeal, in writing to the SCSMBA Disciplinary and Appeals Committee through the Honorary Secretary.
- c) Any such appeal shall be lodged by the appellant within twenty-eight days of the decision being appealed against being advised in writing to the member concerned.
- d) Pending the hearing of any appeal, any penalty or suspension shall not be operative until final adjudication thereon.
- e) The grounds of the appeal shall be fully stated in writing and the appeal shall be accompanied by a deposit in the sum of £25 to cover administrative expenses.
- f) No person involved in hearing the complaint at Club level or involved in the alleged offence, or with direct connections to the complainant or alleged offender shall sit on the Disciplinary and Appeals Committee.
- g) If any appeal is abandoned within four days of a scheduled hearing or is dismissed, either after a hearing or on paper, then the SCSMBA Disciplinary and Appeals Committee may, if it deems it appropriate, make an award of costs and expenses against the appellant in such sum as the Disciplinary and Appeals Committee considers appropriate. Until such time as the costs and expenses are discharged in full the appellant shall forfeit all rights, entitlements and recognition under the SCSMBA Constitution and shall be deemed to be suspended.
- h) If, following an appeal being dismissed, the appellant wishes to invoke the next stage of the Appeals procedure, they must do so in conjunction with the English Short Mat Bowling Association (hereafter referred to as the ESMBA) Appeals Procedure, as previously detailed and published. The decision of the Management Committee of the ESMBA shall be final.